

ANGUS COUNCIL

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2022

JOINT REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND RETURNING OFFICER, AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report seeks to amend the timetable of meetings during the period February – June 2022 as detailed.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the amendments to the timetable of meetings during the period February-June 2022 as detailed in Section 5.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This Report contributes to the achievement of our priority that the council is efficient and effective as detailed in our Council Plan for 2017 – 2022.

3. BACKGROUND

Standing Orders stipulate that the Council must hold its meetings in accordance with the approved timetable (Standing Order 8(2) and Standing Order 35(1)). It is for the Council to determine the frequency and pattern of such meetings.

Provision also exists within Standing Orders for special meetings to take place as detailed in Standing Orders 8(3) and 35(2). Conveners can also cancel, advance or postpone an ordinary meeting as detailed in Standing Order 35(3)).

4. CURRENT POSITION

Reference is made to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 18 March 2021 when the timetable of meetings for August 2021 – June 2022 was approved. However, a number of amendments are proposed.

Local Government Elections and Pre-Election Period

The Local Government Elections will be held on Thursday 5 May 2022, with the commencement of the pre-election period being Monday 14 March 2022. The Returning Officer is recommending that no Council meetings be held during the pre-election period with the exception of regulatory Committees (Civic Licensing and Development Standards) to ensure that applications are considered within the requirement timeframe.

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Angus Council, at a meeting on 4 November 2021, agreed to move the May Day public holiday in 2022 only from Monday 2 May to Thursday 2 June and to grant an additional day of leave for Council employees on Friday 3 June 2022 (Report No 344/21 refers). As a result, the timetabled meetings of the Civic Licensing Committee and the Development Standards Committee require to be rescheduled.

Children and Learning Committee

In order to consider time critical reports prior to the pre-election period, it is proposed to reschedule the meeting of the Children and Learning Committee timetabled for 15 February 2022.

Policy & Resources Committee

There is also a requirement to amend the typographical error in the published timetable of meetings May – June 2022 relative to the Policy and Resources Committee from 22 June 2022 to 21 June 2022.

5. PROPOSALS

The following amendments to the approved timetable of meeting are proposed:-

- (i) reschedule the meeting of Angus Council timetabled for 17 March 2022 to 10 March 2022;
- (ii) cancel the meeting of Angus Council timetabled for 21 April 2022;
- (iii) reschedule the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee timetabled for 2 June and that this now be held on Thursday 9 June 2022;
- (iv) reschedule the meeting of the Development Standards Committee timetabled for 2 June 2022 and that this now be held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 and that the meeting timetabled for 28 June 2022 be cancelled;
- (v) reschedule the meeting of the Children and Learning Committee timetabled for 15 February 2022 to 24 February 2022; and
- (vi) amend the typographical error in relation to the Policy and Resources Committee which will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of the recommendations contained in this report.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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